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" (b) The project is expected to be completed in December 1952."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Public Works be pleased to say whether this is one of the projects in respect of which instructions have been issued for slowing down? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is no question of this project being slowed down."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May know whether instructions have been issued to slow down any other projects? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I want notice."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether instructions have been issued for slowing down any projects, at least so far as Anantapur district is concerned? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is no point in putting the same question in another form. I want notice. I cannot carry all these things in my head."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" This is a very important matter as it relates to the projects in a famine area, and as the Hon. Minister for Public Works comes from that famine area he can very easily give the answer. I would request him to give us information as to whether he has sent any instructions for slowing down the execution of projects there. This is not a question for answering which he requires any time? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Let the hon. Member put down a separate question. I will get the required information and give him."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the question of slowing down the execution of projects is a general one for answering which notice is absolutely unnecessary? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not think so."

Appointment of Regional Transport Officers.

* 3 *Q.*—Sri T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Regional Transport Officers' posts were filled during the months of January, February and March 1952, either by direct recruitment or by promotion; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the persons posted and what were the posts held by them previous to such appointments?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) One post of Regional Transport Officer was filled during the period The appointment was made on 28th March 1952.

" (b) The name of the officer appointed is Sri K. Subramanyam. He was a Superintendent in the Public Department."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the qualifications of the gentleman who has been appointed? " 8-45 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" He was already a Government servant. He was a Superintendent in the Public Department and he was directly recruited to the post of Regional Transport Officer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What are the qualifications of this gentleman to entitle him to be drafted on to the Transport department? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment there are no special qualifications prescribed. The points taken into consideration were the suitability of the officer for the job, his general conduct and his ability to deal with men and matters. The Government thought that he was the most suitable person for the job."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are no other persons fit for this job? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There may be. But in the opinion of the Government, he was the best qualified person for the job."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that there was a Government Order to the effect that new posts should not be filled up during the last week of March as that was a transitional period? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, was the Madras Public Service Commission consulted in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, these appointments are not made in consultation with the Public Service Commission."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the necessity of laying down certain qualifications for appointments to these technical posts? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

Fertilizer factory in Travancore.

* 4 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount invested by the Madras Government in the capital of the Fertilizer factory in Travancore;

(*b*) who are its promoting agents and managing agents;

(*c*) when the investment was made; and

(*d*) what the yearly dividend is?